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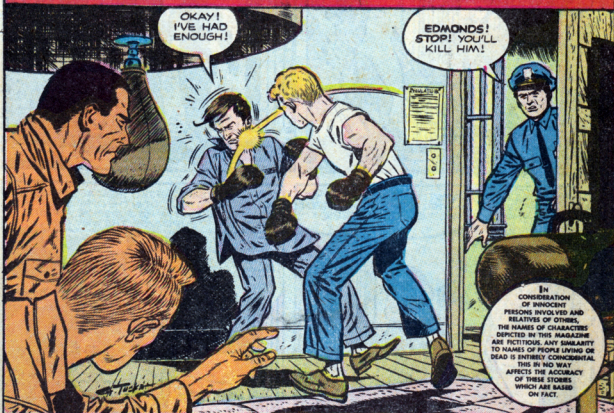
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# THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BARS



ONE OF LIFE'S TRAGIC MYSTERIES—THE CONS HAD NOTHING BUT THE DULL GRAY MISERY OF PRISON ROUTINE AHEAD OF THEM! OFFICER EDMONDS HAD EVERYTHING—A GREAT FUTURE TO LOOK FORWARD TO! WHAT MADE HIM END UP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAW?

AMONG THE INMATES OF STATESIDE REFORMATORY, THE ARRIVAL OF THE TWO NEW GUARDS, EDMONDS AND POLSEN, IS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION! INFORMATION ABOUT THE TWO HAS SPREAD THROUGH THIS PRISON GRAPEVINE! AS THEY ENTER THE YARD, ALL EYES ARE UPON THEM!



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WELL, WHADD'YA KNOW—HERE COME THE ROVER BOYS!

LOOK HOW PRETTY THEY ARE IN THEIR NICE NEW UNIFORMS! AND LOOK AT THE SHINY BADGES! GEE, WOULD THEY GIVE ME A COSTUME LIKE THAT IF I WENT TO SCHOOL?







I GIVE UP!  
UGH!

SO YOU DON'T LIKE GUARDS, EH?

SOMEBODY CALL ANOTHER GUARD! HE'LL MURDER LEFTY! LEFTY NEVER COULD USE HIS FISTS LIKE ED COULD!



IT'S OKAY! HE JUST GOT A LITTLE OUT OF HAND, THAT'S ALL! I CAN HANDLE THIS MYSELF!

THE WARDEN WILL HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT THIS! WAIT TILL HE HEARS HOW HIS PRECIOUS GYM IS BEING RUN!



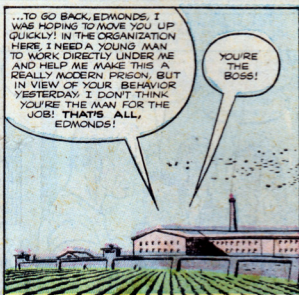
AND THE NEXT MORNING ...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, EDMONDS! WITH YOUR FINE RECORD, I WAS EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM YOU. BUT WE CAN'T HAVE OUTBURSTS OF TEAPER HERE! I THOUGHT I EXPLAINED TO YOU THAT WE WANT TO REHABILITATE THESE MEN... NOT TERRORIZE THEM!



OH, I'M SORRY, FATHER! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE BUSY! GOOD MORNING, MR. EDMONDS! OH, FATHER, COULD TOM POLSEN AND I BORROW THE CAR TONIGHT? HE ASKED ME TO THE MOVIES AND THE LAST BUS COMES BACK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...

WE'LL DISCUSS THAT LATER, ANNE! IF YOU DON'T MIND, PLEASE WAIT IN THE HALL UNTIL WE'RE FINISHED HERE!



...TO GO BACK, EDMONDS, I WAS HOPING TO MOVE YOU UP QUICKLY! IN THE ORGANIZATION HERE, I NEED A YOUNG MAN TO WORK DIRECTLY UNDER ME AND HELP ME MAKE THIS A REALLY MODERN PRISON, BUT IN VIEW OF YOUR BEHAVIOR YESTERDAY, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE MAN FOR THE JOB! THAT'S ALL, EDMONDS!

YOU'RE THE BOSS!



MY PAL POLSEN GOES BEHIND MY BACK - GETS A GIRL, GETS THE JOB THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN MINE! MY PAL... DIRTY RAT, THAT'S WHAT OFFICER THOMAS RICHARD POLSEN IS, A DIRTY RAT AND THE WARDEN'S A DIRTY RAT AND SHE IS A NO GOOD DIRTY RAT... ALL OF 'EM NO GOOD LOUSY...

SHH! TAKE IT EASY, BUDDY! I GOT LADIES IN THE JOINT!



I DON'T CARE WHO'S LISTENING! THERE HE IS... THERE'S THE RAT NOW! MY GUN - WHERE'S MY GUN? I'LL GET HIM NOW! I'LL KILL HIM!

YOU'RE DRUNK, YOU FOOL!



EASY, NOW, BUD! WE DON'T WANT NO TROUBLE!

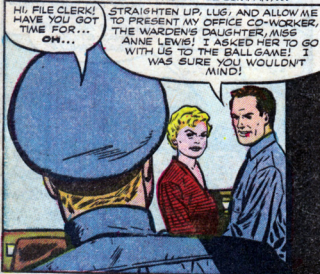
C'MON, EDMONDS! LET ME TAKE YOU HOME! YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IN THE MORNING! YOU DON'T MEAN WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

I MEAN EVERY WORD OF IT! G'WAN, BEAT IT! YOU AN' YOUR FANCY GIRL FRIEND! BEAT IT, I TELL YOU! BECAUSE IF I GET LOOSE, I'LL KILL YOU!





EDMONDS WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS NEW JOB! UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING WHEN HE DISCOVERED THAT POLSEN HAD THE WARDEN'S DAUGHTER AS OFFICE COMPANY...





ON SUNDAY, THE THREE OF THEM WENT TO THE BALL GAME! THOUGH NEITHER OF THE MEN SAID ANYTHING, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THEY WERE BOTH FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE SAME GIRL! EDMONDS WAS INWARDLY SEETHING AT POLSEN'S PRESENCE...



SUDDENLY EDMONDS' PENT-UP FURY WAS UNLEASHED!

I'M SORRY! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! I DIDN'T MEAN ... OWW!

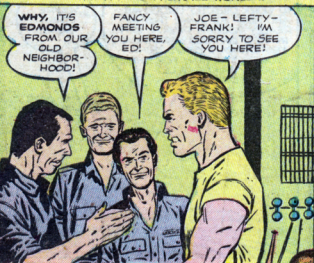


WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, ED? YOU KNOW HE CAN'T STRIKE BACK AT YOU!

I GUESS I LOST MY HEAD!



ED WAS IN BAD WITH ANNE! HE WANTED TO GET BACK INTO HER GOOD GRACES... THEN HE DISCOVERED THAT IT WAS A SMALL WORLD...



I HEARD YOU WENT TO POLICE SCHOOL AFTER YOU AND YOUR OLD LADY LEFT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S A GOOD THING WE DID MOVE AWAY, OR I MIGHT HAVE BEEN WHERE YOU ARE, INSTEAD OF BEHIND THE BADGE!



EDMONDS REMEMBERED THE OLD GANG... DAYS SWIMMING IN THE RIVER, AND THE NIGHT HE HAD HAD TO STAY HOME WITH HIS MOTHER... THE NIGHT THE GANG ROBBED A CANDY STORE AND GOT CAUGHT BY THE POLICE! THEY HAD BEEN SENT TO REFORM SCHOOL! BUT THINGS WERE DIFFERENT NOW...



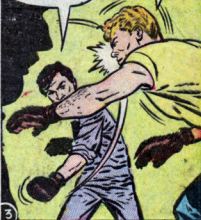
COME ON, YOU GUYS! HOW ABOUT A LITTLE LEATHER PUSHING? IT WOULD'VE BEEN GREAT TO HAVE EQUIPMENT LIKE THIS BACK IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD!



BUT IT'S NOT QUITE THE OLD GANG, EDMONDS! THEY'VE CHANGED AND SO HAVE YOU, OR HAVE YOU?

HERE'S ONE FOR OLD TIMES SAKE, FLAT-FOOT!

OOP! I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT!





THE NEXT DAY, THE WARDEN WAS READY TO SEND EDMONDS AWAY FROM PRISON FOR GOOD...

I DON'T CARE WHAT ANNE SAYS! I KNOW MY FRIEND, SIR! HE WOULD NEVER DRAW A GUN ON ME! HE WAS DRUNK, THAT'S ALL! ED'S ALWAYS TALKED TOUGH, THAT'S ALL!

WELL, I DON'T LIKE TO TAKE A CHANCE, BUT HE'S A BRILLIANT MAN...OKAY, I'LL GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE!



(MEANWHILE, IN THE GYM...)

BOY! EDMONDS SURE HATES THE WARDEN! AN! HE AIN'T TALKIN' TO HIS SIDEKICK POLSEN, EITHER!

WE CAN COOK A DEAL IF WE KEEP OUR HEADS! WASN'T HE ONCE OUR PAL? IF US OLD PALS STICK BY HIM, MAYBE HE'LL HELP US!



TOUGH GOIN', EDMONDS! I CAME IN TO OFFER YOU MY SYMPATHIES!

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!

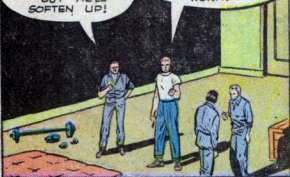
ED! DON'T! YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THAT IS? IT'S NICKY... PARSIO THE SNAKE!



THE 'SNAKE', AS HIS NICKNAME IMPLIED, WAS BOTH SLIPPERY AND TREACHEROUS! THE CONS FEARED HIM! HE WAS BIG TIME HEAD OF THE LARGEST NARCOTICS RING IN THE COUNTRY! HE MANAGED TO CVERSEE HIS RACKET— EVEN FROM BEHIND BARS...

LEAVE HIM ALONE! HE GOT A RAW DEAL FROM THE LAW, AND HE'S JUMPY, BUT HE'LL SOFTEN UP!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU BUMS ARE SWEETING UP TO ME FOR, BUT I DON'T BUY IT! GET BACK TO WORK!



EDMONDS DROVE THE MEN FURIOUSLY... BUT HE COULDN'T SEEM TO DO THE THING RIGHT! A FEW DAYS LATER, WHILE SUPERVISING THE GARDEN DETAIL ON THE REGULAR GUARD'S DAY OFF...

BUT I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD...

NO LAYING DOWN ON THIS JOB! GET GOING!



AAH! THE WARDEN WON'T LIKE THIS EDMONDS! THIS MAN IS REALLY SICK!

LISTEN, IF I LET EVERY CON WHO DIDN'T FEEL WELL REPORT SICK, NOTHING WOULD EVER GET DONE AROUND HERE!



AND LATER...

THE WARDEN HAD YOU ON THE CARPET AGAIN, EH, EDMONDS?

I KNEW AN AMBITIOUS GUY LIKE YOU ONCE ON THE FORCE IN KANSAS CITY! HE RETIRED IN TEN YEARS WITH A COUNTRY HOME AND A BIG SWIMMING POOL... AND A GORGEOUS BLONDE, TOO! BUT THEN, HE HAD GOOD CONNECTIONS!



JUST WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING?

ME? SUGGESTING? WELL, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... ANY TIME YOU WANT TO DO A FAVOR FOR AN OLD PAL, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO YOURSELF SOME GOOD!







BUT EDMONDS' OLD FRIENDS KEPT THE PRESSURE ON HIM DAY AFTER DAY UNTIL FINALLY...

HEY, EDMONDS! THE BOSS SAYS A GRAND AN' A HALF JUST FOR DELIVERIN' HIS LITTLE PACKAGE... A GRAND AN' HALF... WHERE DOES HE SAY HE WANTS ME TO GET IT? AND HOW DO I BRING IT IN? NOT THAT I'VE SAID I'D DO IT, MIND YOU... BUT FILL ME IN ON THE DEAL!



ON EDMONDS' NEXT DAY OFF, HE TOOK A LITTLE TRIP! THAT WAS THE LONGEST TRIP! HE HAD EVER MADE-A TRIP TO THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW!



HERE IT IS! BUT MISTER, WHO-EVER YOU ARE, BE CAREFUL! IF YOU GET CAUGHT WITH THAT, YOU'LL GET SENT UP THE RIVER BUT GOOD! DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S IN HERE?



AFTER HIS FIRST WRONG STEP, THEY HAD HIM!

HEY, EDMONDS! JOE CRIMPER NEEDS A LITTLE LESSON! HOW ABOUT GIVIN' HIM A LITTLE SOLITARY FOR ME? BUT NICK, I CAN'T...



BUT I HAVEN'T DONE NOthin', HONEST! TELL THE WARDEN THAT CRIMPER! YOU WAIT HERE TILL I CALL YOU!



HONEST, WARDEN, I'VE NEVER SEEN THE KNIFE! I'M IN A BLOCK WITH A BUNCH OF HOODLUMS! THEY'D DO ANYTHING TO GET ME INTO TROUBLE! I'VE BEEN FRAMED!

I'M AFRAID THEY ALL SAY THAT, CRIMPER! NICE WORK, EDMONDS! BY THE WAY I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE SHAPING UP SO WELL! I HEAR NOTHING BUT GOOD REPORTS OF YOU NOW!



THE INNOCENT CRIMPER WAS PLACED IN SOLITARY WHERE ONLY THE WALLS COULD HEAR HIS SOBBING! EDMONDS AVOIDED POISEN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE... HIS FRIENDS NOW WERE THE SHADY CHARACTERS OF THE UNDERWORLD! THEN ONE DAY, POISEN AND ED MET IN THE CELL BLOCK CORRIDOR GOING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS...

ED! I MUST SPEAK TO YOU! LET'S LET BY-GONES BE BY-GONES! LOOK, ANNE AND I ARE GOING TO BE MARRIED! WE WANT YOU TO BE THE BEST MAN - HOW ABOUT IT, ED?

CONGRATULATIONS! SURE, TOM, I'LL BE BEST MAN! NO HARD FEELINGS!



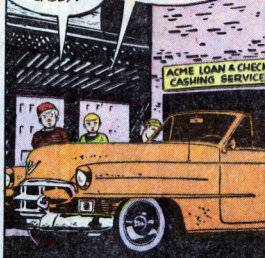


NOW EDMONDS WAS MORE BITTER THAN EVER! HE WAS DETERMINED TO GRAB SOMETHING OUT OF LIFE! IF HE COULDN'T HAVE LOVE, HE WOULD HAVE MONEY! MORE AND MORE OF THE PACKAGES WERE BROUGHT INTO THE PRISON...



GEE WHIZ— IT'S A CUSTOM- BUILT CADDY!

WOW! WHOEVER OWNS IT MUST BE A MILLIONAIRE!



THE CAR BELONGED TO EDMONDS, WHO WAS GETTING ANOTHER CHECK CASHED...

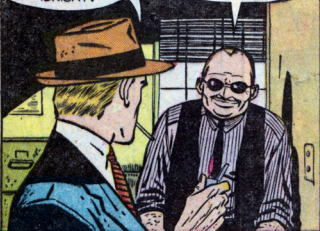
BUT YOU CASHED 'EM FOR ME BEFORE!

NOT ON A SAN FRANCISCO BANK, MISTER! I'D HAVE TO GET A CHECK THIS BIG CLEARED BY PHONE FIRST!

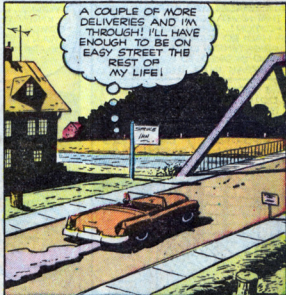


OKAY, OKAY, CLEAR IT! BUT I CAN'T WAIT! CAN YOU BRING THE MONEY TO MY ROOMING HOUSE TONIGHT?

SURE, MR. EDMONDS— FOR SUCH A GOOD CUSTOMER WE'D BE GLAD TO OBLIGE! IT MAY BE LATE—IS THAT OKAY?



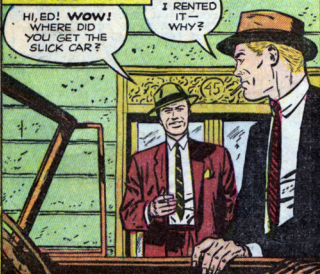
A COUPLE OF MORE DELIVERIES AND I'M THROUGH! I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO BE ON EASY STREET THE REST OF MY LIFE!



EDMONDS FOUND POLSEN WAITING FOR HIM WHEN HE GOT HOME...

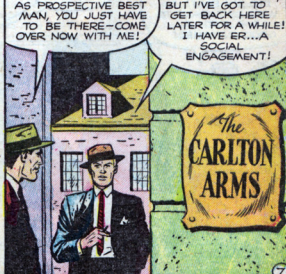
HI, ED! **WOW!** WHERE DID YOU GET THE SLICK CAR?

I RENTED IT— WHY?



ED, WE'RE GIVING A PARTY TONIGHT AND AS PROSPECTIVE BEST MAN, YOU JUST HAVE TO BE THERE—COME OVER NOW WITH ME!

OH, SURE, OKAY! I'LL COME FOR A WHILE, BUT I'VE GOT TO GET BACK HERE LATER FOR A WHILE! I HAVE ER...A SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT!





THE PARTY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! BUT THE SIGHT OF ANNE WAS TOO MUCH FOR EDMONDS! HE STARTED DRINKING HEAVILY!



I KNOW I HAD TO DO SOMETHING... OH, WELL, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT!

HERE'S TO THE FUTURE BRIDE AND GROOM!

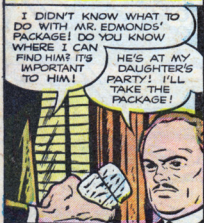
BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO EDMONDS- VERY IMPORTANT!



IS MR. EDMONDS HERE, MA'AM?

HE'S PROBABLY ON DUTY! IF YOU HAVE TO REACH HIM AT THIS HOUR, WHY DON'T YOU TRY THE PRISON?

THE WARDEN WAS WORKING LATE THAT NIGHT BECAUSE OF AN EXECUTION! WHEN TWO GUARDS HAULED BEFORE HIM A FRIGHTENED, LITTLE FAT MAN WHO SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO BREAK INTO THE PRISON...



I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MR. EDMONDS' PACKAGE! DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND HIM? IT'S IMPORTANT TO HIM!

HE'S AT MY DAUGHTER'S PARTY! I'LL TAKE THE PACKAGE!



WELL...I DON'T KNOW WHAT MR. EDMONDS WOULD WANT ME TO DO, THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY IN THIS PACKAGE!



MONEY? OH, WELL, I'LL WRITE A RECEIPT FOR IT AND MAKE SURE THAT IT GETS TO HIM! HOW MUCH IS IT?

WELL, I GUESS THAT'LL BE ALL RIGHT! IT'S FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS!



YOU'LL EXPLAIN TO MR. EDMONDS THAT I DID MY BEST! I WOULDN'T WANT TO LOSE SUCH A GOOD CUSTOMER!

YES, YES - GOOD-BY!



POLSEN! THIS IS YOUR FUTURE FATHER-IN-LAW! LISTEN, GET EDMONDS OVER HERE RIGHT AWAY... WELL, SOBER HIM UP! IN THAT CASE, TELL HIM TO BE HERE IN MY OFFICE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, AND IN A COHERENT STATE! WHAT?... YES, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT! GOOD NIGHT, SON!



THE NEXT MORNING, AN APPREHENSIVE EDMONDS WAS BROUGHT TO THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...

WELL! I AM WAITING FOR YOUR EXPLANATION OF HOW YOU SUDDENLY CAME INTO SO MUCH MONEY?

THAT'S SIMPLE, SIR! THE PACKAGE ISN'T FOR ME!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! THE MAN DISTINCTLY SAID MR. EDMONDS!

THEN HE MUST HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOME OTHER MR. EDMONDS, SIR!

WELL, IT'S SIMPLE TO CHECK! WE'LL JUST GO DOWN TO THAT ACME CHECK CASHING SERVICE AND SEE IF THE MAN IDENTIFIES YOU OR NOT!

IF YOU INSIST, SIR! ALTHOUGH I THINK IT'S A WASTE OF TIME!

GOOD MORNING! YOU REMEMBER ME—I'M WARDEN LEWIS, AND WE WANT TO KNOW IF THIS GENTLEMAN IS THE MR. EDMONDS YOU LEFT THE PACKAGE FOR LAST NIGHT!



WELL?



THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS MAN BEFORE! DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE, BUT...

ARE YOU SURE?

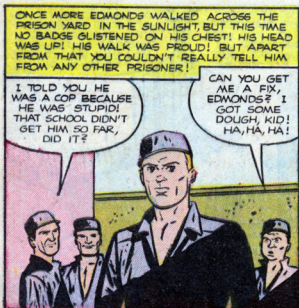
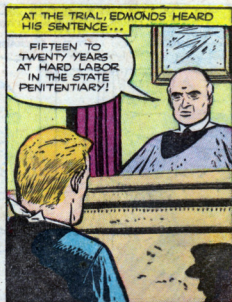
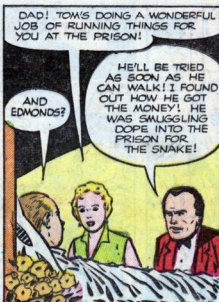


WHAT SORT OF BUSINESS DO YOU RUN HERE, ANYWAY? LET ME SEE YOUR BOOKS!

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT! YOU CAN'T COME HERE WITHOUT A WARRANT AND RANSACK MY PLACE! YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO DO THIS!



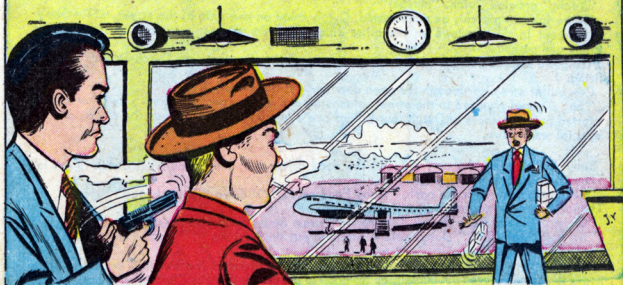




FORTUNATELY, THE CASE OF PATROLMAN ED EDMONDS IS NOT A TYPICAL ONE! ALTHOUGH HE WAS PROUD OF THE BADGE HE DISHONORED, HE MADE A MISTAKE IN NOT REALIZING THAT A UNIFORM MUST TAKE ITS SHAPE FROM THE MAN WHO WEARS IT!



# THE BIG JOB



Dutch Strivers and Baby Face Dunlap were playing cards when somebody knocked on the door of their flat. Baby Face reached into his shoulder holster and flipped out his pistol. He walked to the door, stood flat against the wall and said:

"Yeah?" Who is it?"

"Me," came a reply from without. "Gentleman Joe Ellis. Open up, Baby Face." Baby Face smiled, and swung open the door. Standing there in the doorway, grinning, was a man roughly fifty years old. He was thin, dapper, and wore a carnation in his lapel.

Baby Face thrust forth his hand, took the elder man's hand, and pumped it vigorously.

"Joe!" he exclaimed. "Sure good to see you. When did you get out?"

Gentleman Joe walked in, and looked quizzically at the ill-furnished, cold-water flat. "I got out last week," he said. "I've been making arrangements for--uh--a job. I had hoped I could depend upon you, Baby Face. You haven't been working, have you?"

Baby Face picked up the cards and put them away.

"No," said Baby Face. "Not too much. Just little jobs here and there.

"All right," said Gentleman Joe. "Then let's sit down and chat. What I've got to say won't take long."

The three pulled up chairs, lit cigarets, and Gentleman Joe began sketching idly on a piece of paper.

"It's a million dollar job, Baby Face." It's an armored car job. She runs tonight, about eight-o'clock. She makes four pickups -- I've got the exact time checked on each one."

"Armored cars are tough jobs," Baby Face said.

Dutch Strivers just stared.

"Yes," agreed Gentleman Joe. "I know that. But we don't do it the ordinary way. We steal the car itself!"

"There'll be four packets of cash, wrapped up neatly," Gentleman Joe continued. "In each packet will be a quarter of a million dollars. Now, here's what we'll do -- and just how we'll do it . . ."

"We'll knock off the armored car guard and driver. That'll be yours and Dutch's job. Then, you get in the car, drive it down Purse Street, while Dutch, in back throws the packets out. I'll be waiting in a basement apartment I've rented, and I'll pick up the packets. Then . . ."

Gentleman Joe paused, then continued: . . . by this time the cops will be after you. But we outsmart the cops when you make an abrupt turn, leap from the car when you're out of sight of the law, and let it crash through the guard rail and into the river. You then join me at the apartment -- and we'll divide the cash. The cops will figure you went into the river with the car. They'll be concentrating on that while we make our getaway. Okay?"

Dutch and Baby Face shook hands with Joe, voiced their approval of the plan, then saw him to the door.



Baby Face then turned to Dutch and said. "We're in business now! Big business. We'll each have a third of a million clams!"

"Yeah," growled Dutch. "Maybe!"

On the following night, as prearranged, Dutch stood on one side of the street, while Baby Face kept in the shadows on the other side. Then the armored car drew up to one of its stops and parked.

The guard stepped from the car to meet the two special policemen, and Dutch Strivers started firing.

One bullet streaked through the open door and got the driver.

The guard slumped to the street, alongside one of the special police. The other special started pumping shots at Dutch, but Baby Face's gun barked from across the street, and the special went down.

Baby Face ran to the car, dragged the dead driver out, then shouted to Dutch to get in. They could hear sirens approaching.

"Get in the back with the cash," Baby Face said. "I'll drive this tin heap."

Then the armored car headed for Purse Street.

"Okay," said Baby Face. "We're on Purse Street now. Get ready to unload 'em."

"We gotta work fast," Dutch said -- pitching out the packets. "The cops are turning into Purse Street now."

At the corner, by the river, Dutch leaped into the shadows of the street. Then Baby Face turned the corner, leaped out himself, as the armored car hit the guard rail, hurtling into the water.

From the shadows the two watched the police cars stop at the broken guard rail.

"Couldn't make the corner," said one policeman. "Call the harbor dredge-and we'll fish 'em out."

"Okay," Baby Face whispered. "We got 'em fooled! Let's join Gentleman Joe in the basement flat."

"Yeah," said Dutch. "Him -- and a million dollars!"

They entered the flat, looked around, and stared in amazement. Gentleman Joe was nowhere to be seen.

"You sure he picked up the packets?" Baby Face asked?"

"Very sure," said Dutch. "I saw him!"

"I think it's the double cross," said Baby Face, grimly.

"He ran out on us?" asked Dutch, in astonishment. "But he wouldn't dare! He knows we'd hunt him down and kill 'im!"

"Sure," answered Baby Face. "So he probably plans to leave the country! Come on, Dutch, we've got to act fast! We're taking a cab to the airport!"

At the airport, Gentleman Joe paced back and forth. Under one arm were four packets, still wrapped as they were when Dutch tossed them to the street. He glanced at the wall clock. Only ten minutes more, and he'd be on his way to Mexico. Then he saw two figures striding across the room toward him. He gasped, then said:

"Dutch! Baby Face! don't do it, guys! Please --!"

Both Baby Face and Dutch fired, and Gentleman Joe coughed, clutched his chest, and dropped next to the packets. People scattered, and a woman screamed. Then two policeman came through the doorway -- guns roaring.

Dutch grabbed his throat, gurgled, and flopped. Baby Face, holding the packets, fired as he raced toward an exit.

One of the policeman took aim and fired. Baby Face dropped the packets, flung his arms out, uttered a hoarse cry, and toppled.

One of the policeman picked up the packets and opened them.

"These must've been the armored car thugs we got word on tonight," he said.

"Yeah -- those are the four packets, just as they were described by headquarters," said the other policeman. "They didn't even open them."

"They should've!" said the first policeman. "They would've gotten the surprise of their lives!"

"Why?" said the second one.

"There's nothing but rags," he said. "They killed themselves and four others just for rags!"

"But why would they have packets of rags picked up by an armored car?"

The first policeman replied. "The armored car was strictly a front!"



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HOLY  
COW! HE'S  
GOING TO JUMP  
THAT DITCH! IT  
MUST BE  
TWENTY FEET  
ACROSS!

WHAT KIND OF  
A CAR IS THAT?  
HE'S PRACTICALLY  
FLYING!

HE'S GOING TO  
MAKE IT! QUICK-  
GET THOSE CARS  
TURNED AROUND!  
WE'VE GOT TO GET  
AFTER HIM!

NAT GERBER IN CAR 41 AND  
JOHNNY SNEAD IN NUMBER 2  
ARE ALMOST NECK AND NECK  
AS THEY START INTO THE LAST  
LAP! GERBER IS A FOUR  
TO ONE FAVORITE, BUT  
SNEAD'S REALLY MAKING  
IT A RACE!

HEY, SNEAD! GET  
THAT BUCKET OF  
BOLTS OFF THE  
ROAD SO A REAL  
CAR CAN  
MANEUVER!  
HA! HA!

NUTS TO YOU  
GERBER! YOU  
WON'T BEAT  
ME THIS  
TIME!

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HERE THEY COME DOWN THE FINISH LINE IN A DEAD HEAT! WAIT! SNEAD'S LEFT FRONT TIRE JUST BLEW OUT! HE'S SWERVING BADLY! HE HASN'T A CHANCE NOW! THERE GOES GERBER ON TO WIN!



I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS CRUMMY HEAP! WE'VE PUT EVERY DIME WE HAVE INTO THIS PILE OF JUNK AND IT STILL FALLS APART! WE'VE LOST FIVE STRAIGHT RACES AGAINST THOSE IMPORTED JOBS OF GERBERS!

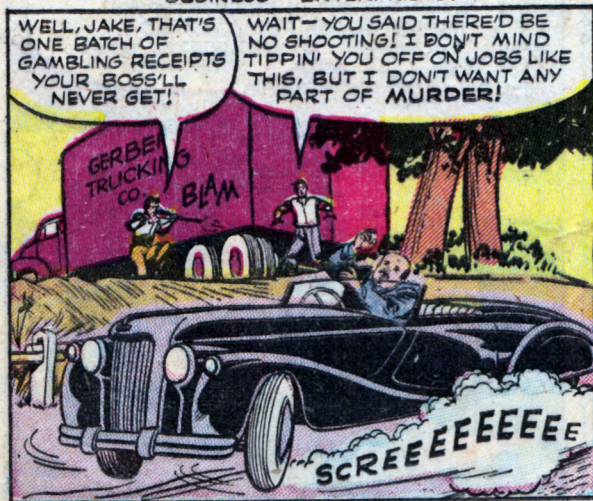
TAKE IT EASY, JOHNNY! AT LEAST YOU WERE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH GERBER TODAY! A FEW CHANGES, AN' WE'LL REALLY LICK HIM NEXT TIME!



THERE AIN'T GONNA BE A NEXT TIME! I QUIT! GERBER OWNS PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING IN TOWN! NOW HE'S MOVED IN ON US! BUT DON'T WORRY, HE'LL FIND OUT HE CAN'T BEAT JOHNNY SNEAD THAT EASY!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING, JOHNNY, BUT YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR STEP!

JOHNNY SNEAD DID NOT TELL WILLY HIS PLANS INCLUDED AN EMPLOYEE IN ONE OF NAT GERBER'S MANY "BUSINESS" ENTERPRISES!



WELL, JAKE, THAT'S ONE BATCH OF GAMBLING RECEIPTS YOUR BOSS'LL NEVER GET!

WAIT— YOU SAID THERE'D BE NO SHOOTING! I DON'T MIND TIPPIN' YOU OFF ON JOBS LIKE THIS, BUT I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF MURDER!



LISTEN, COLE, I DON'T INTEND TO LEAVE ANYONE AROUND TO FINGER US! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE, OR MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN YOUR FRIEND HERE!

NO—NO, JOHNNY! DON'T GET SORE! I'LL PLAY ALONG!



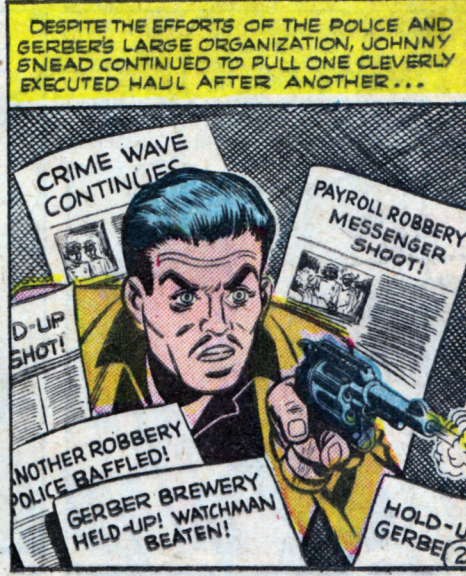
HI, WILLY! STOP FOOLING AROUND WITH THAT CAR! LISTEN KID, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT! I GOT DOUGH NOW AN' I KNOW WHERE I CAN GET A LOT MORE! STRING ALONG WITH ME AND I'LL MAKE YA RICH!

I'VE BEEN READING THE PAPERS AND I THINK I KNOW HOW YOU'RE GETTING THAT DOUGH, YOU DIRTY CROOK! MEG AND I WANT TO GET MARRIED BUT NOT THAT WAY!



NOBODY TALKS TO ME LIKE THAT, PUNK! YOU'RE LUCKY I DON'T KILL YOU! BUT BELIEVE ME, IF YOU EVER OPEN YOUR MOUTH, I WILL!

UGGAH!



DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THE POLICE AND GERBER'S LARGE ORGANIZATION, JOHNNY SNEAD CONTINUED TO PULL ONE CLEVERLY EXECUTED HAUL AFTER ANOTHER...

CRIME WAVE CONTINUES

PAYROLL ROBBERY MESSENGER SHOOT!

D-UP SHOT!

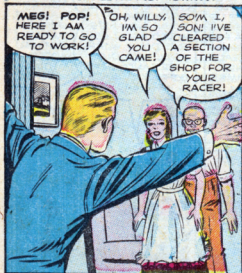
ANOTHER ROBBERY POLICE BAFFLED!

GERBER BREWERY HELD-UP! WATCHMAN BEATEN!

HOLD-UP GERBER 2



MEANWHILE, WILLY KRAWLOW TOOK A JOB IN HIS FUTURE FATHER-IN-LAW'S SERVICE STATION IN A SMALL NEARBY TOWN...



MEG! POP! HERE I AM READY TO GO TO WORK!

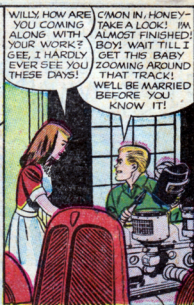
OH, WILLY, I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME!

SO'M I, SON! I'VE CLEARED A SECTION OF THE SHOP FOR YOUR RACER!



OH, DARLING! IT'S SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU HERE! LET'S GET MARRIED RIGHT AWAY!

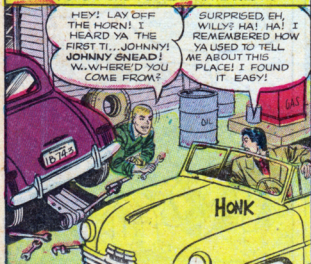
NOT SO FAST, MEG! I HAVEN'T GOT TWO NICKELS TO RUB TOGETHER, BUT GIVE ME A COUPLE OF MONTHS TO WORK ON THAT ENGINE AND WE'LL BE ROLLING IN PRIZE MONEY!



WILLY, HOW ARE YOU COMING ALONG WITH YOUR WORK? GEE, I HARDLY EVER SEE YOU THESE DAYS!

C'MON IN, HONEY—TAKE A LOOK! I'M ALMOST FINISHED! BOY! WAIT TILL I GET THIS BABY ZOOMING AROUND THAT TRACK! WE'LL BE MARRIED BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

AS WILLY WAS FINISHING HIS CAR ONE DAY, HAPPY WITH THE PROMISE OF FUTURE PRIZE MONEY, JOHNNY SNEAD UNEXPECTEDLY APPEARED...



HEY! LAY OFF THE HORN! I HEARD YA THE FIRST TI... JOHNNY! JOHNNY SNEAD! W... WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?

SURPRISED, EH, WILLY? HA! HA! I REMEMBERED HOW YA USED TO TELL ME ABOUT THIS PLACE! I FOUND IT EASY!



WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT IN THIS NECK OF THE THE WOODS, JOHNNY?

I FIGURED IT WAS SILLY FOR TWO OLD FRIENDS TO BE SULKING! SO I FIGURED I'D LOOK YOU UP!



C'MON IN, WILLY! SUPPER IS READY!

OH, MEG! THIS IS JOHNNY SNEAD, MY OLD PARTNER! HE USED TO BE THE BEST RACING DRIVER IN THE COUNTRY!

HEY! HEY! THAT PICTURE YOU CARRIED, NEVER DID HER JUSTICE! SHE'S GORGEOUS!



C'MON IN FOR A BITE TO EAT!

THANKS! I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD PUT ME UP FOR A DAY OR TWO!

WHY, ER... SURE, JOHNNY!

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

THAT EVENING, WHEN WILLY WAS ABLE TO GET JOHNNY ASIDE...



ALL RIGHT, JOHNNY, WHAT'S THE REAL REASON YOU'RE HERE? ARE THE COPS AFTER YOU? LOOK, I DON'T CARE FOR MYSELF, BUT MEG AND HER DAD...

COPS? HA! THOSE JERKS'LL NEVER GET WISE TO ME! BUT I STILL THINK YOU'RE NUTS NOT TO COME IN WITH ME! YOU COULD HAVE A DOZEN PLACES LIKE THIS IN A YEAR!

THE NEXT MORNING AT BREAKFAST, JOHNNY LISTENED WITH INTEREST TO MEG AND HER FATHER'S DISCUSSION ABOUT WILLY'S CAR...

YEP, IT'S LIKE THIS EVERY MORNING! WILLY GETS UP AT DAWN TO WORK ON HIS CAR! YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW HE'S SOUPED UP THAT OLD ENGINE! I BET SHE'LL HIT 175 EASY!

AND IT'LL BE FINISHED IN TIME FOR NEXT MONTH'S RACE! OH, IF WE COULD ONLY WIN, WE'D BE MARRIED RIGHT AWAY!

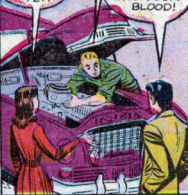
I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT!



WILLY, JOHNNY WANTS TO SEE YOUR CAR! I'M SURPRISED YOU HAVEN'T SHOWN IT TO HIM YET!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE STILL INTERESTED, JOHNNY!

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, WILLY! RACING GETS INTO YOUR BLOOD!



I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, WILLY! IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE SAME ENGINE!

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT NIGHT AND DAY! I HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR IT!



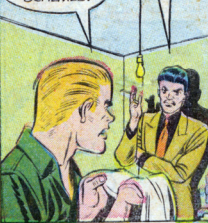
SAY, WILLY! TELL ME, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MOUNT THIS ENGINE IN A STOCK CAR? MINE, FOR EXAMPLE!

I GUESS I COULD! IT'S SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT AND WITH A FEW ALTERATIONS IN THE CAR... HMM... YES, I THINK SO!



WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, JOHNNY? I HOPE IT'S NOT ONE OF YOUR CROOKED SCHEMES!

I'M NOT QUITE SURE YET, BUT IT SEEMS TO HAVE POSSIBILITIES!



LISTEN, WILLY! I'VE JUST FIGURED OUT AN ANGLE THAT'LL MAKE ME RICH! NOW I KNOW I NEED THAT ENGINE! HERE'S TWO G'S! THAT'S ENOUGH FOR YOU TO GET MARRIED AND BUILD ANOTHER ENGINE AS WELL!

TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS!... TO PUT MY ENGINE IN YOUR CAR? GEE, I DON'T KNOW...



C'MON, BOY! TWO GRAND IS A LOT OF DOUGH! YOU'D BE A FOOL TO PASS IT UP! HERE, TAKE IT!

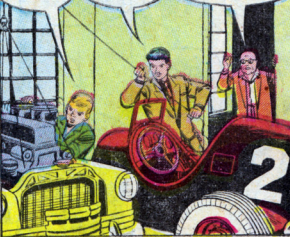
WELL... OKAY, JOHNNY! GIVE ME THE MONEY! I'LL DO IT! I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH JUST SELLING A GUY AN ENGINE—NO MATTER WHAT HE USES IT FOR!



EASY DOES IT, JOHNNY! THAT'S IT! NOW LET IT DOWN—SLOW!

BOY, YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF, KID! IT FITS LIKE A GLOVE!

WILLY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY ARE YOU PUTTING THAT ENGINE INTO HIS CAR?



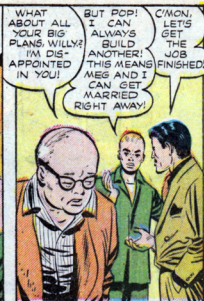




WHAT'S IT TO YA? THE KID AN' I HAVE A LEGITIMATE DEAL!

THERE'S SOMETHING MIGHTY QUEER ABOUT THIS!

IT'S OKAY, POP! HE'S PAID ME \$2,000 FOR IT!



WHAT ABOUT ALL YOUR BIG PLANS, WILLY? I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU!

BUT POP! I CAN ALWAYS BUILD ANOTHER! THIS MEANS MEG AND I CAN GET MARRIED RIGHT AWAY!

C'MON, LET'S GET THE JOB FINISHED!



LATER...  
WHA... MEG! WELL THIS IS A REAL TREAT!

JOHNNY, I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOU! POP TOLD ME THAT YOU'VE BOUGHT WILLY'S ENGINE! PLEASE, JOHNNY, DON'T RUIN ALL OUR PLANS!



LISTEN! I'M GETTING SICK OF THIS! WHY DON'T YOU AND YOUR OLD MAN KEEP OUT OF MY BUSINESS?

BUT ALL OUR PLANS ARE BUILT AROUND WILLY'S MACHINE! PLEASE, JOHNNY...



LOOK, BABY! I'VE KNOWN WILLY A LONG TIME! HE'S ALWAYS TALKED BIG, BUT HE'S STRICTLY SMALL TIME! HE'S LUCKY TO GET \$2,000! YOU'RE A CUTE CHICK AND I GO FOR YOU, BABY! I COULD GIVE YOU A HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN WILLY EVER WILL!

NO, JOHNNY! I LOVE WILLY AND HE'S NOT LIKE YOU SAY!



NEVERTHELESS, JOHNNY'S WORDS STUCK IN MEG'S MIND! NEXT MORNING...

HEY, MEG! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY'RE YOU RETURNING MY RING!

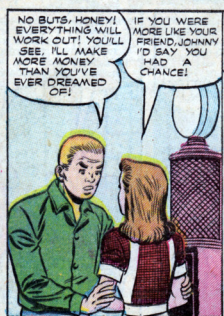
I'LL TELL YOU WHY! I'M TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GONNA DO! AFTER THE TWO THOUSAND IS GONE, THEN WHAT?



YOU CAN'T MEAN WHAT YOU'RE SAYING! YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU!

GIVE ME A LITTLE WHILE, AND I'LL PROVE MYSELF!

I WANT TO, WILLY, BUT...



NO BUTS, HONEY! EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT! YOU'LL SEE, I'LL MAKE MORE MONEY THAN YOU'VE EVER DREAMED OF!

IF YOU WERE MORE LIKE YOUR FRIEND, JOHNNY, I'D SAY YOU HAD A CHANCE!



JOHNNY...DO YOU STILL WANT ME TO TEAM UP WITH YOU?

NOW YOU'RE TALKING SENSE! LISTEN, THERE'S AT LEAST A HUNDRED G'S IN THIS JOB! I CAN'T TRUST JAKE, THE GUY I WORK WITH! C'MON INTO THE SHOP AND I'LL GIVE YOU THE LOWDOWN!

JAKE'S ON GERBER'S PAYROLL AND HE'S BEEN USEFUL GETTING INSIDE INFO ON PAYROLLS AND RECEIPTS! I NEED A GUY WITH GUTS FOR THIS JOB, WILLY! WE'RE GONNA KNOCK OVER THE LATIN CASINO - GERBER'S GAMBLIN' JOINT OVER ON ROUTE 12! WE'LL USE ONE OF GERBER'S OWN TRUCKS AND...



...BLAM! WE CRASH IT RIGHT INTO THE JOINT AND CLEAN 'EM OUT BEFORE ANYBODY KNOWS WHAT HIT 'EM! MY CAR WILL BE INSIDE THE TRUCK, PAINTED WITH GREEN WATER PAINT! AFTER THE GETAWAY, WE'LL WASH OFF THE PAINT!



PRETTY SLICK, EH? WHO'D SUSPECT TWO GUYS IN A YELLOW CAR ALMOST A HUNDRED MILES AWAY WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A GREEN ONE!

OKAY, JOHNNY! I'M GOLD! LET'S GET GOING!



THE NEXT EVENING JOHNNY AND WILLY PAY A VISIT TO JAKE'S HOUSE...

SNEAD! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' OUT HERE?

I WANT YOUR TRUCK JAKE, BUT YOU AIN'T COMING ALONG!



WAIT, JOHNNY, PUT THAT GUN AWAY! D.DON'T SHOOT! TAKE THE TRUCK, BUT DON'T KILL ME!

TAKE IT EASY, JOHNNY! YOU CAN'T KILL THIS GUY IN COLD BLOOD!



YEAH! SHOOTING'S KINDA NOISY! A LITTLE TAP LIKE THIS IS BETTER!

JOHNNY, DON'T!



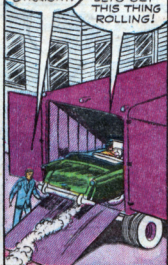
LEAVE HIM ALONE, AND STOP BELLY-ACHING! YOU'RE IN THIS PRETTY DEEP NOW AN' YOU'RE GOING THROUGH WITH IT!

OKAY, STOP PULLING! I'M NOT BACKING OUT!



THAT'S IT! NOW JUST GO IN STRAIGHT!

NOW GET UP IN THE CAB AND LET'S GET THIS THING ROLLING!

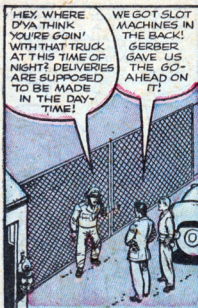


THERE IT IS! I'LL DO THE TALKING WHEN WE GET TO THE GATE!

WOW! WHAT A CLASSY JOINT! IT LOOKS PRETTY BIG FOR TWO GUYS TO KNOCK OVER!







HEY, WHERE D'YA THINK YOU'RE GOIN' WITH THAT TRUCK AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT? DELIVERIES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE MADE IN THE DAY-TIME!

WE GOT SLOT MACHINES IN THE BACK! GERBER GAVE US THE GO-AHEAD ON IT!



I DON'T KNOW! SEEMS KINDA FUNNY! I'LL CALL THE OFFICE AND GET AN OKAY ON IT!

SURE, SURE!



UHHH!

QUICK, WILLY! GET THE WIRE-CUTTERS WHILE I TIE THIS GUY UP!



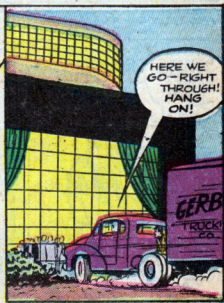
THERE! THAT'S THE LAST ONE!

GOOD! NOW WITH THE GATE MAN TIED UP AN' ALL THE PHONE WIRES CUT, WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE TIME BEFORE AN ALARM GOES OUT!



JOHNNY! I'M WORRIED! DO YOU REALLY THINK WE CAN PULL THIS OFF? MAYBE WE OUGHTA...

MAYBE NOTHIN'! PULL YOUR GUTS TOGETHER AN' GET MOVIN' FAST!



HERE WE GO - RIGHT THROUGH! HANG ON!

INSIDE THE BRILLIANTLY ILLUMINATED GAMBLING ROOM OF THE CASINO, MUSIC PLAYED AND PEOPLE LAUGHED BUSY-FULLY, UNAWARE OF WHAT WAS COMING ...



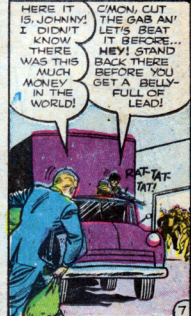
WHA... A TRUCK!?! WHAT HAPPENED?!

EVEN BEFORE THE TINKLE OF BROKEN GLASS STOPPED, JOHNNY HAD THE GAPING CROWD COVERED WITH A MACHINE-GUN ...



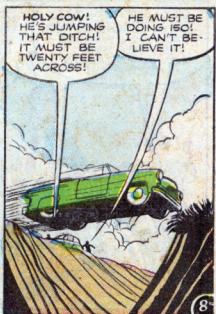
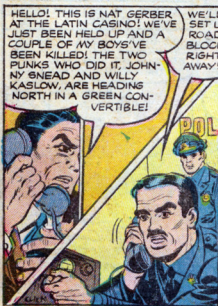
OKAY, EVERYBODY, BEHAVE YOURSELVES, AN' NOBODY'LL GET HURT!

QUICK, WILLY! GET IN THE CASHIER'S OFFICE!



HERE IT IS, JOHNNY! I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS THIS MUCH MONEY IN THE WORLD!

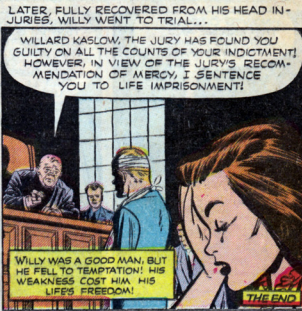
C/MON, CUT THE GAB AN' LET'S BEAT IT BEFORE... HEY! STAND BACK THERE BEFORE YOU GET A BELLY-FULL OF LEAD!







MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE HIGHWAY WHERE WILLIE WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS...





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WHEN THE EYESIGHT OF AN HONEST MAN GOES BAD, THERE ARE STILL MANY WAYS IN WHICH HE CAN BE SOCIALLY USEFUL, BUT WHEN THE EYES OF HOMER BELOUX, ACE GUNMAN OF THE UNDERWORLD WENT BAD IT RESULTED IN ONE OF THE MOST BIZARRE CASES IN THE ANNALS OF CRIME...

# The MAN WHO SOLD DEATH



ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1949, IN A LARGE MID-WESTERN TOWN...

FINE THING! ME, HOMER BELOUX, ONE OF THE BEST GUNNERS IN THE RACKETS, AND I CAN'T GET A JOB! EYES'RE TOO BAD, THEY SAY! I GOTTA HAVE SOME DOUGH FAST! HAW! NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT!



A HANDFUL OF THESE WATCHES OUGHTTA BRING ME A COUPLA C-NOTES! BLAST IT! I SET OFF THE ALARM! GOTTA MOVE FAST!



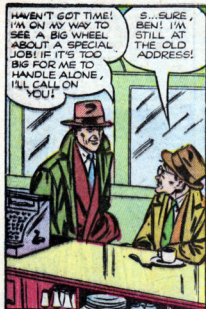
HEY, DOWN THERE! THROW UP YOUR HANDS!

ANOTHER FISTFUL AND I'LL LAM! WHA... HOW'D THEY GET HERE SO FAST?









HAVEN'T GOT TIME!  
I'M ON MY WAY TO  
SEE A BIG WHEEL  
ABOUT A SPECIAL  
JOB! IF IT'S TOO  
BIG FOR ME TO  
HANDLE ALONE,  
I'LL CALL ON  
YOU!

S...SURE,  
BEN! I'M  
STILL AT  
THE OLD  
ADDRESS!



BEN PROCEEDED TO AN OFFICE BUILD-  
ING IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT...

THIS IS THE ADDRESS BUT THE  
BUILDING LOOKS DESERTED!  
NO...I SEE A LIGHTED WINDOW  
UP THERE!



AHH, YOU'RE  
BEN GRIER, I  
TAKE IT! VERY  
PUNCTUAL!  
CARE FOR A  
DRINK?

THANKS! BUT  
LET'S SKIP THE  
FORMALITIES,  
MR. RANCE...  
AND GET DOWN  
TO BUSINESS!



I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE AN  
EXPENSIVE TRIGGER FINGER FOR  
HIRE! I'M PREPARED TO PAY \$5,000  
TO EXTERMINATE A RAT! YOU SEE,  
I'M BEING BLACKMAILED BY A MAN  
WHO KNOWS I PERJURED MYSELF  
IN A RECENT CASE!



AND IF YOU WENT  
TO THE LAW, THEY'D  
HAVE THE GOODS  
ON YOU! WHAT'S  
THIS PUNK HOLD-  
ING YOU UP FOR?

\$500 A MONTH! IT'S ALREADY  
COST ME \$2,000! HIS NAME  
IS MARTIN JONA!



JONAE, DID YOU  
SAY MARTIN  
JONA?

YOU...YOU  
KNOW  
HIM?

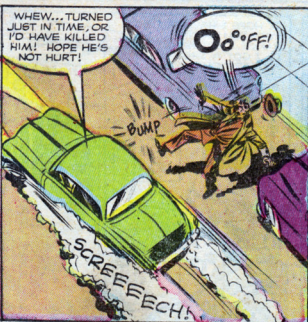


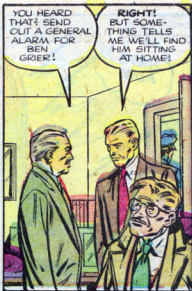
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SENT SOME OF MY PALS TO THE PEN! THEY  
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RISK, RANCE...  
BUT THE PRICE  
IS DOUBLED!  
TEN GRAND!

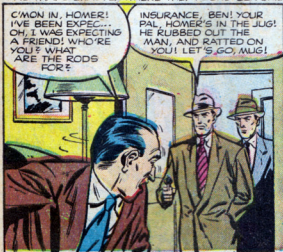








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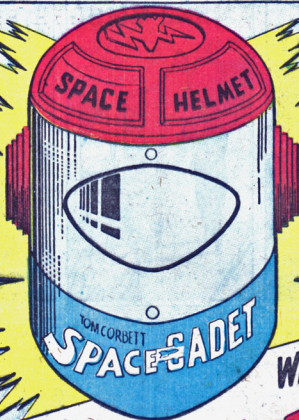


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